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# THE NEW MUTANTS™



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WELCOME TO PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNG-STERS. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HIS STUDENTS, THE NEW MUTANTS:

SAM GUTHRIE

ROBERTO da COSTA

DANIELLE MOONSTAR

RAHNE SINCLAIR

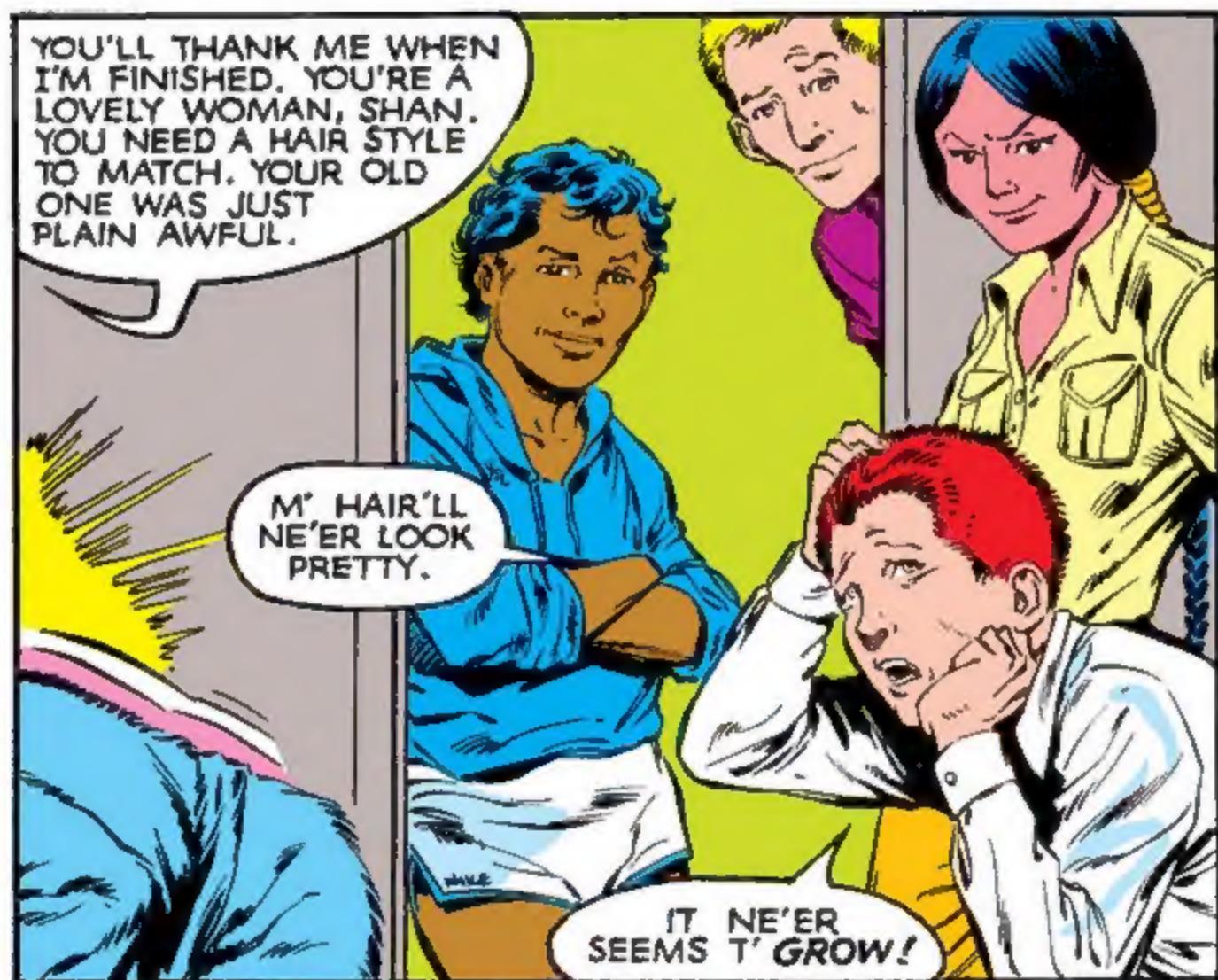
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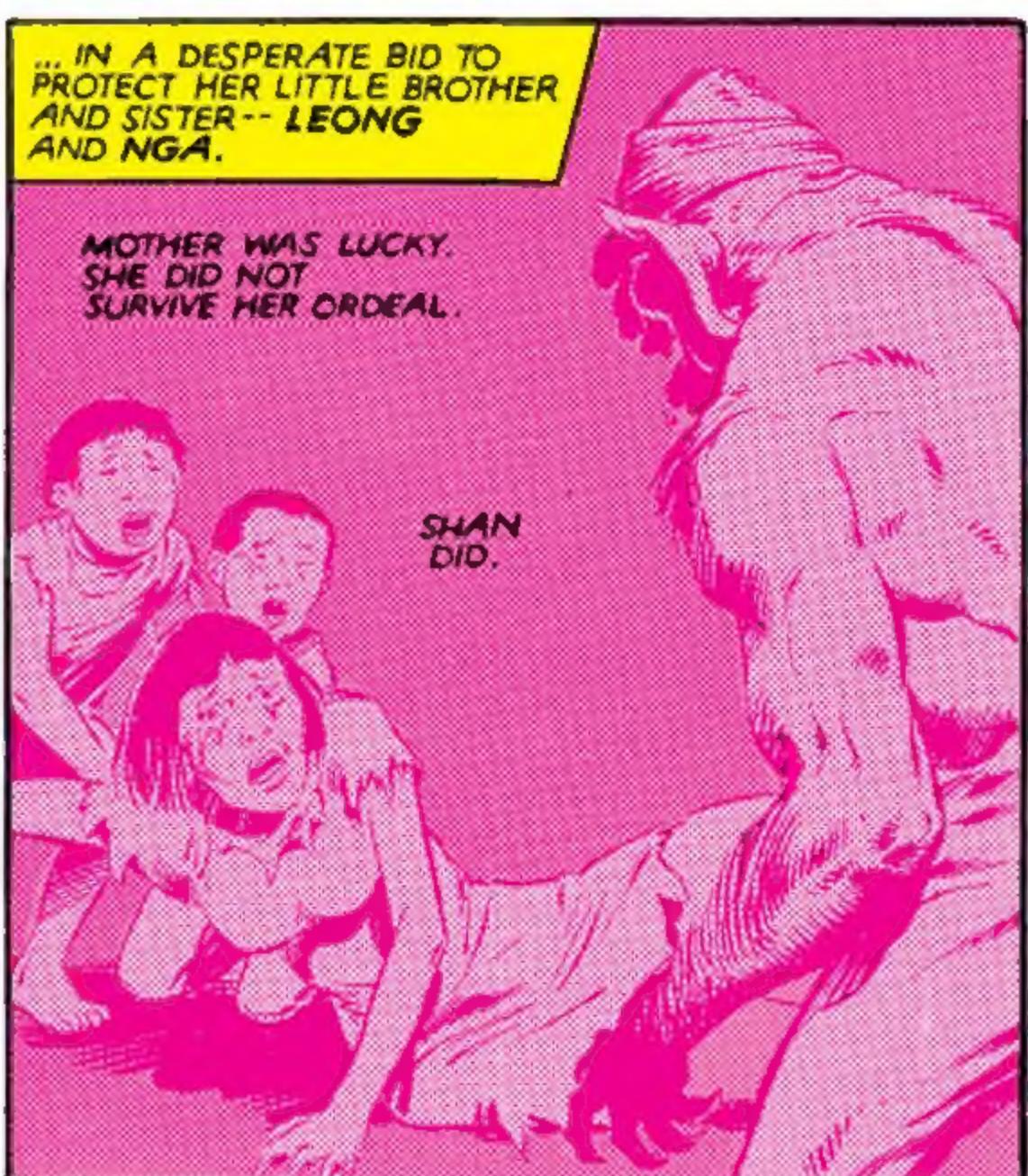
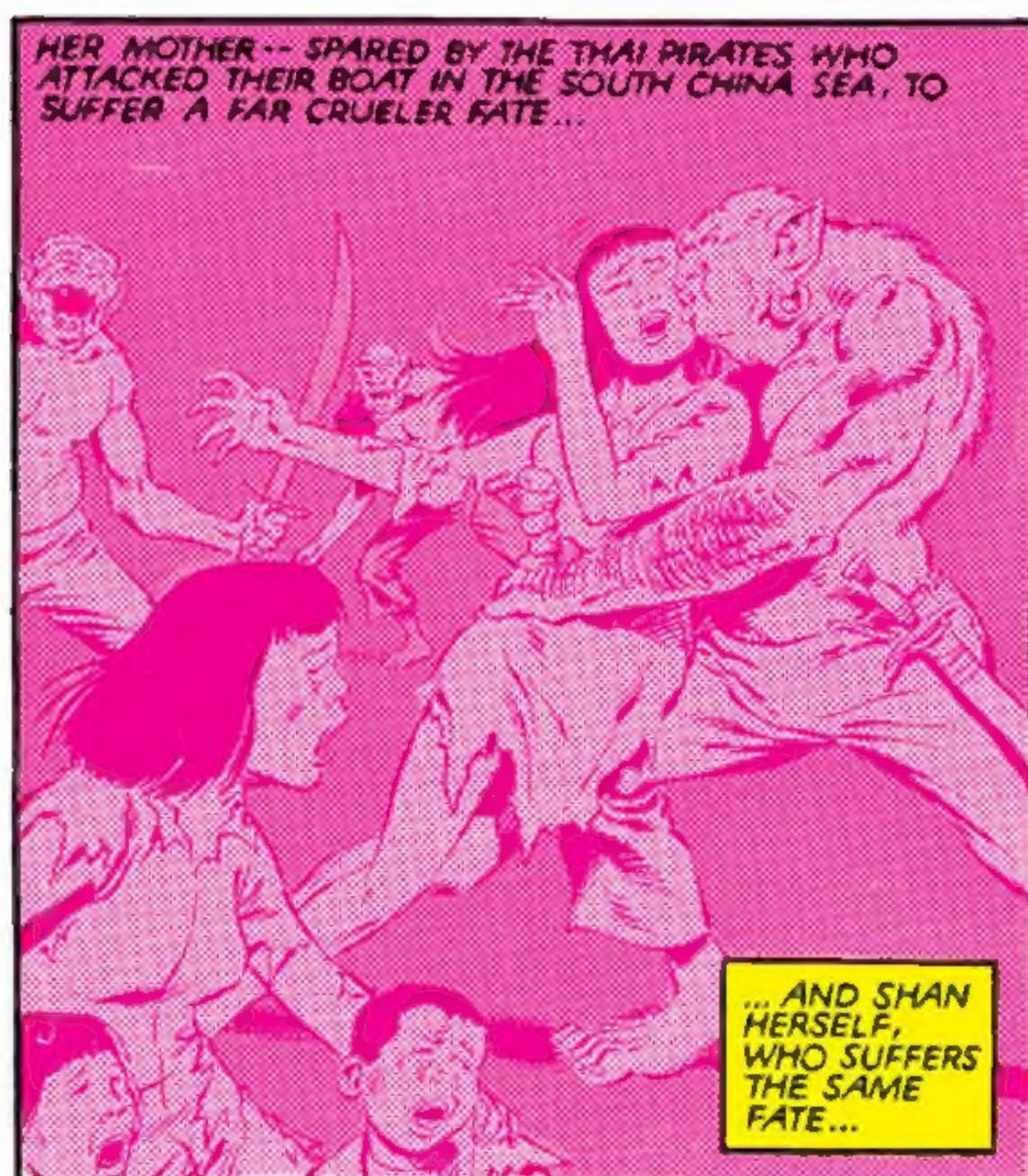
THE LADY IS ONE OF THEIR TEACHERS, STEVIE HUNTER.

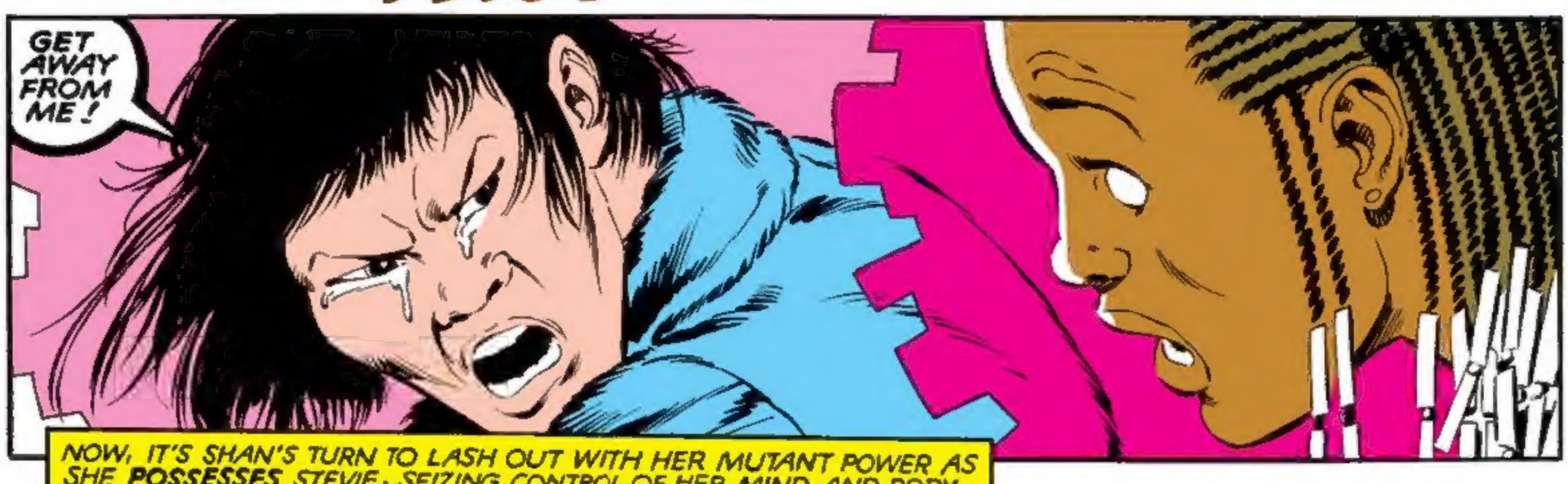
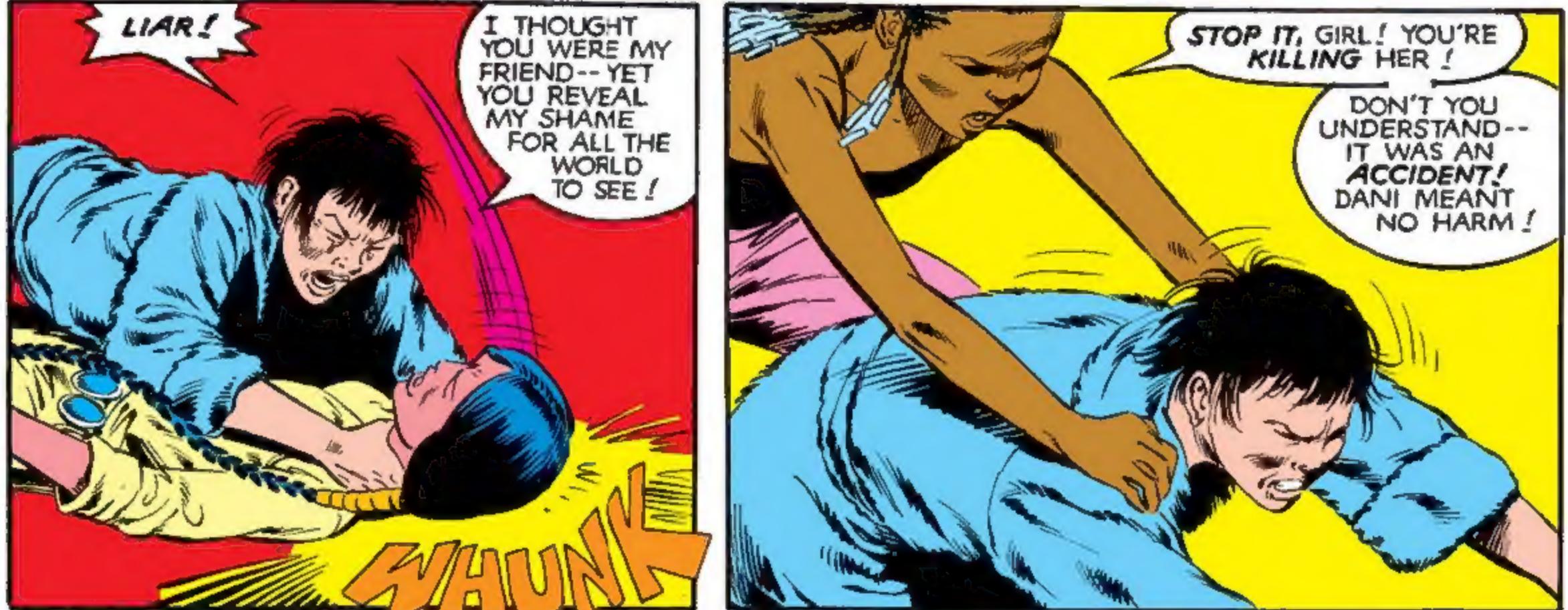
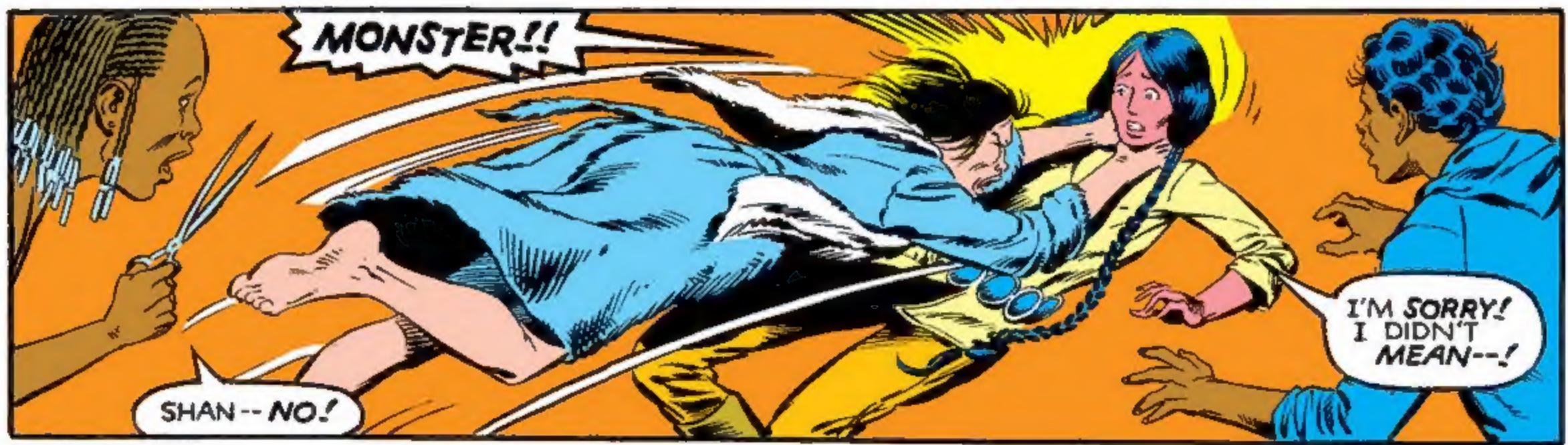
IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY, STEVIE?

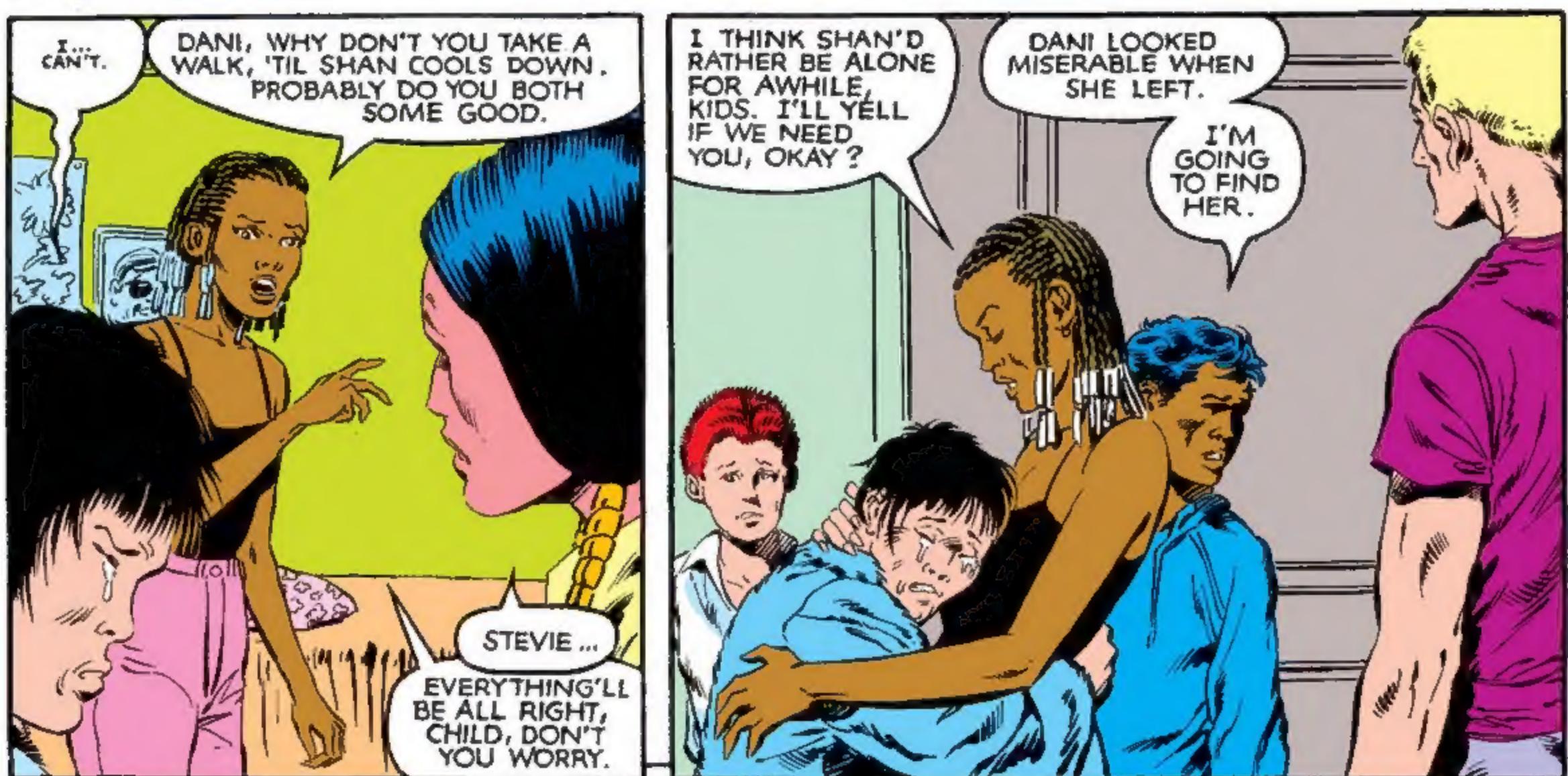
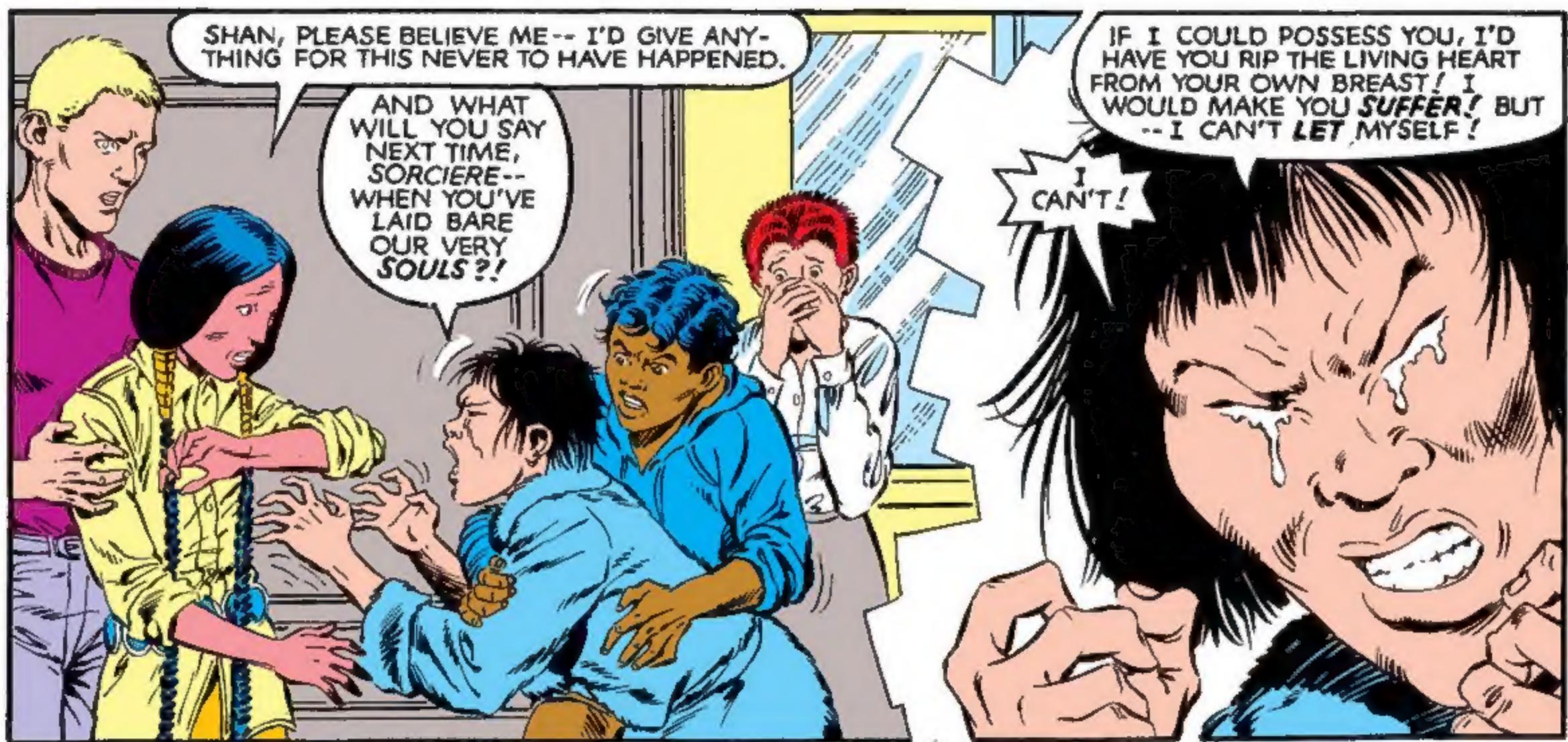
AND WHY DID YOU HAVE TO LET THE OTHERS WATCH?!

# INITIATION!









ELSEWHERE IN THE SPRAWLING MANSION...

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE LET SHAN BASH MY BRAINS OUT. IT WAS NO LESS THAN I DESERVED.

BEFORE HE DIED, MY GRANDFATHER COMMANDED ME TO LEAVE MY WYOMING MOUNTAINS-- TO COME HERE AND LET PROFESSOR XAVIER TEACH ME TO CONTROL MY ACCURSED MUTANT ABILITIES.

BUT ALL XAVIER'S DONE IS GIVE ME A STUPID COSTUME, AND MAKE MY LIFE MISERABLE.

WHERE AM I, ANYWAY? I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS WING.

OH! THIS MUST BE WHERE HIS OTHER STUDENTS-- THE ONES STEVIE CALLS "X-MEN"-- LIVE.

NICE ROOM-- AS MESSY AS MINE.



WHAT STRANGE-LOOKING PEOPLE.

I'VE MET ILLYANA RASPUTIN-- SHE'S IN ENGLAND WITH THE PROFESSOR'S PARTNER, Dr. MacTAGGERT-- SHE WAS A NICE KID, BUT WEIRD.

I WONDER IF SHE'S A MUTANT, LIKE US.



THE PROFESSOR NEVER TALKS ABOUT THE X-MEN. SOMETHING TERRIBLE MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM. ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TAKE THEIR PLACE?



WILL THEIR FATE ... BE OURS?

WHO CARES? I PROBABLY WON'T BE AROUND TO SHARE IT...

...EVEN IF I WANTED TO.

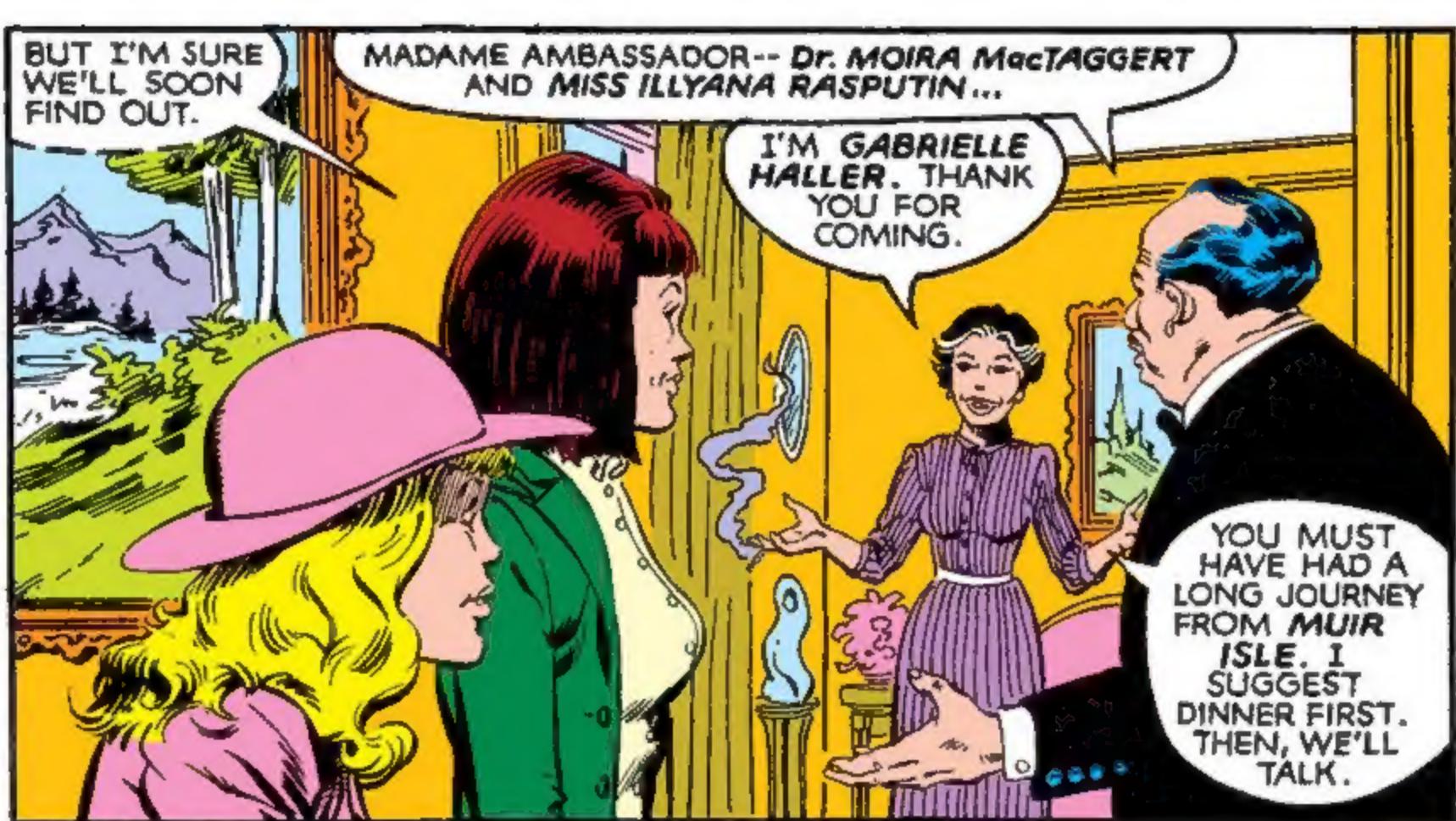
MY POWERS ARE DESTROYING MY LIFE-- AND ANY CHANCE FOR FRIENDSHIP OR HAPPINESS HERE...

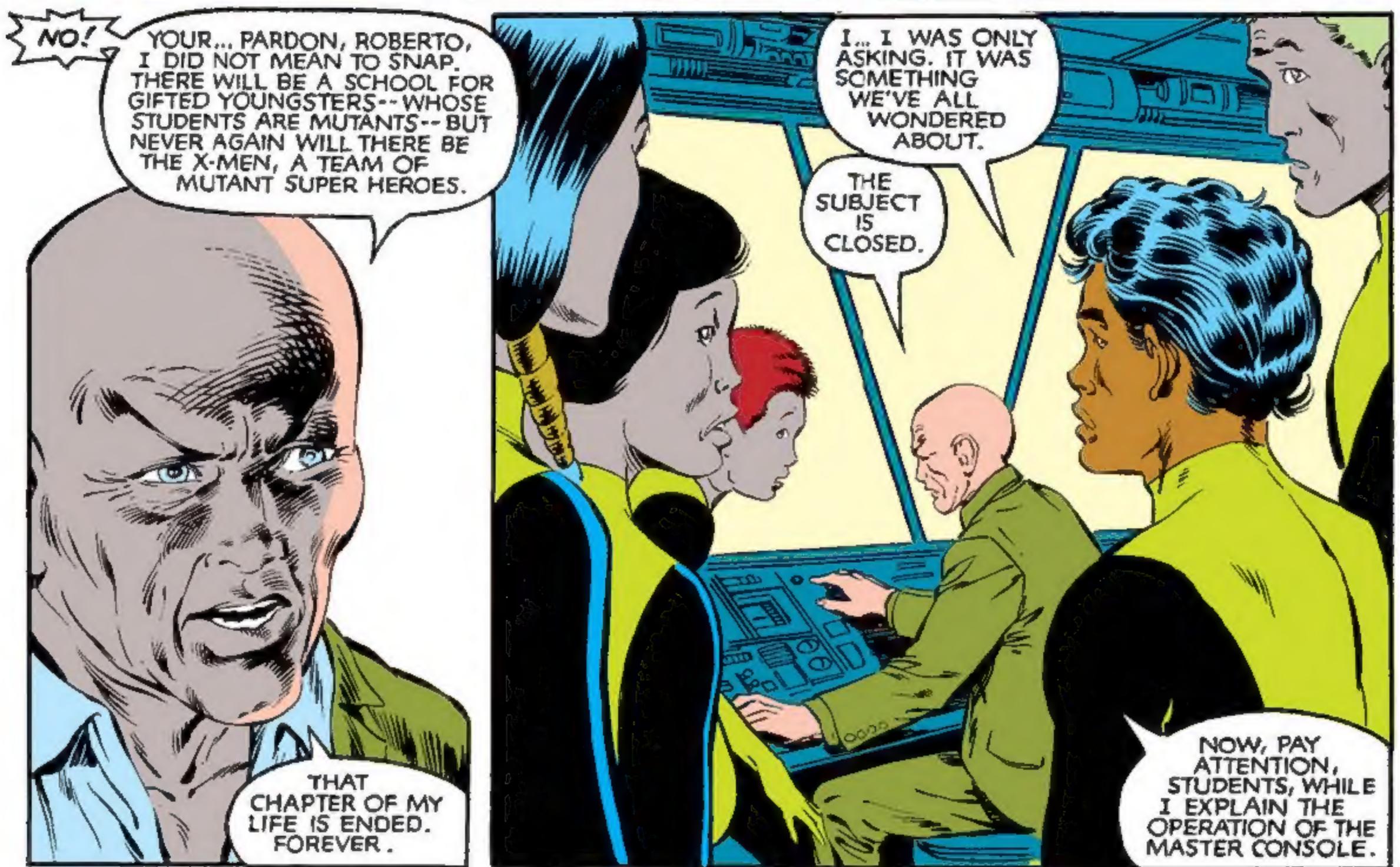
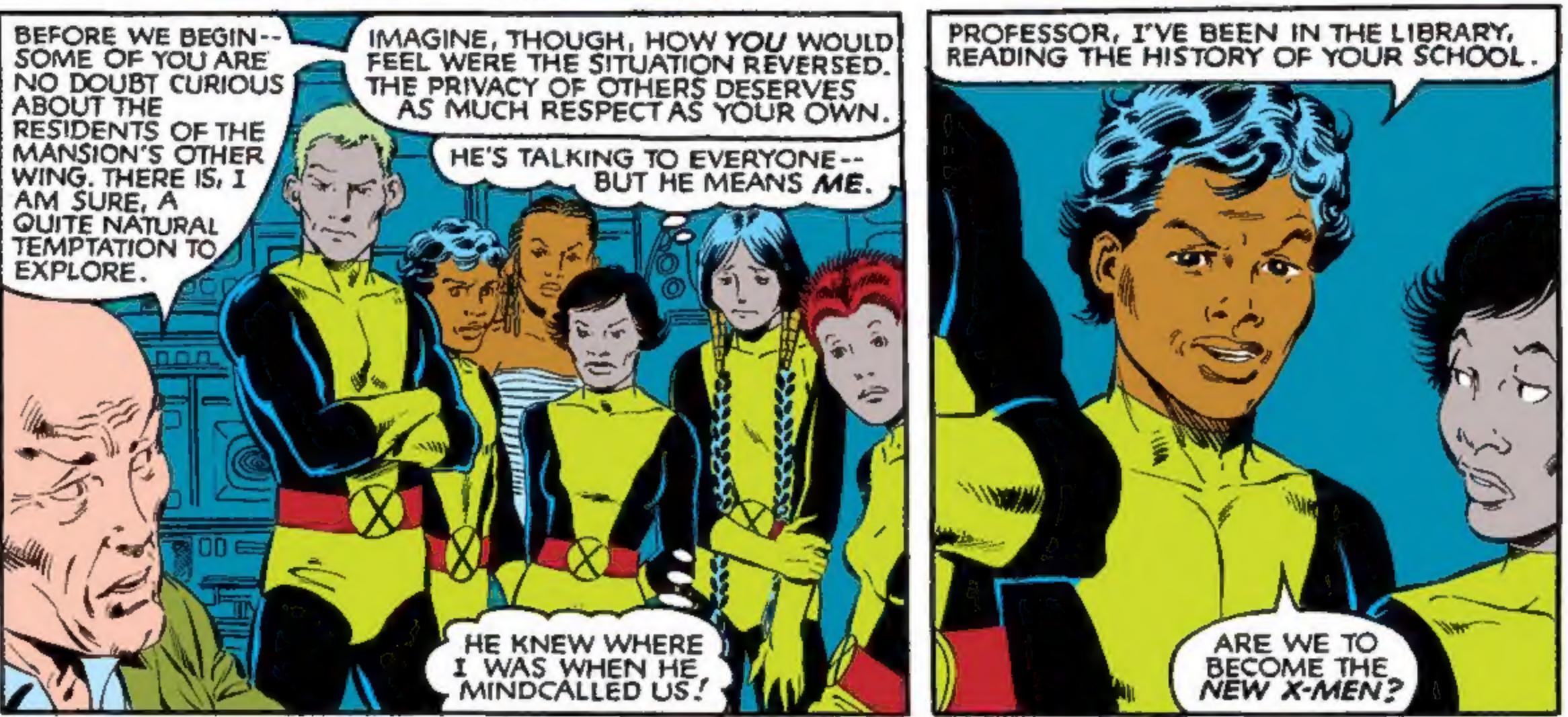
...JUST LIKE THEY DID BACK HOME.



IT ISN'T FAIR!







FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, THE ROOM IS BURIED TEN METERS  
BENEATH THE MANSION. ACCESS IS STRICTLY LIMITED AND  
ITS DESIGN ENSURES THAT, WHATEVER HAPPENS HERE,  
THOSE UPSTAIRS WILL NOT BE DISTURBED.

UNDER NO  
CIRCUMSTANCES  
WHATSOEVER IS THE  
ROOM TO BE USED  
WITHOUT AN ADULT  
PRESENT--

--EITHER MYSELF,  
Dr. MACTAGGERT  
OR MS. HUNTER.

I'LL NOW ACTIVATE  
THE BASIC GYM-  
NASIUM MODE.

MS. HUNTER WILL BE IN  
CHARGE OF YOUR PHYSICAL  
FITNESS INSTRUCTION.

YOU MAY BELIEVE  
YOU'RE IN GOOD SHAPE  
BUT YOU'LL SOON  
DISCOVER THAT--TO  
PROPERLY UTILIZE YOUR  
ABILITIES--YOUR  
BODIES MUST BE  
HONED TO THE LEVEL  
OF CHAMPION  
ATHLETES.

SOUNDS  
T'ME LIKE...

...WE'RE GONNA  
BE WORKIN'  
OUAH TAILS  
OFF.

INDEED,  
SAM.

ALTHOUGH YOU NEW MUTANTS WILL NOT  
FUNCTION AS THE X-MEN DID--ACTIVELY  
SEEKING OUT AND COMBATING EVIL MUTANTS--  
YOU MUST BE PREPARED FOR EVERY  
EVENTUALITY.

THE GYM IN MY  
FATHER'S HOUSE IN  
RIO-IS AS WELL-  
EQUIPPED, PROFESSOR.

IS THAT A FACT,  
ROBERTO? TELL  
ME, CAN YOUR  
FATHER'S  
GYM--

--DO  
THIS?

BLESSED  
SAINTS!

WHAT  
HAPPENED?!  
EV'RYTHIN'  
CHANGED!

FAR  
OUT!



CANNONBALL.

CROSS THE ROOM, huh?  
SOUNDS EASY.  
OO TOO DARN EASY.

HERE GOES NOTHIN'.

A MOMENT'S INTENSE CONCENTRATION IS ALL IT TAKES...

...TO TRIGGER THE THERMO-CHEMICAL REACTION IN AND AROUND SAM GUTHRIE'S BODY THAT PROPELS HIM THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A RUNAWAY ROCKET.

UNFORTUNATELY...

=WHUNNGNH!=  
KWAUNK!

MAN, IT'S A GOOD THING AH CAN'T BE HURT WHEN AH'M BLASTIN'-- OTHERWISE, THEY'D BE SCRAPIN' ME OFF THAT WALL. IT COME UP S' FAST, THERE WAS NOTHIN' I COULD DO.

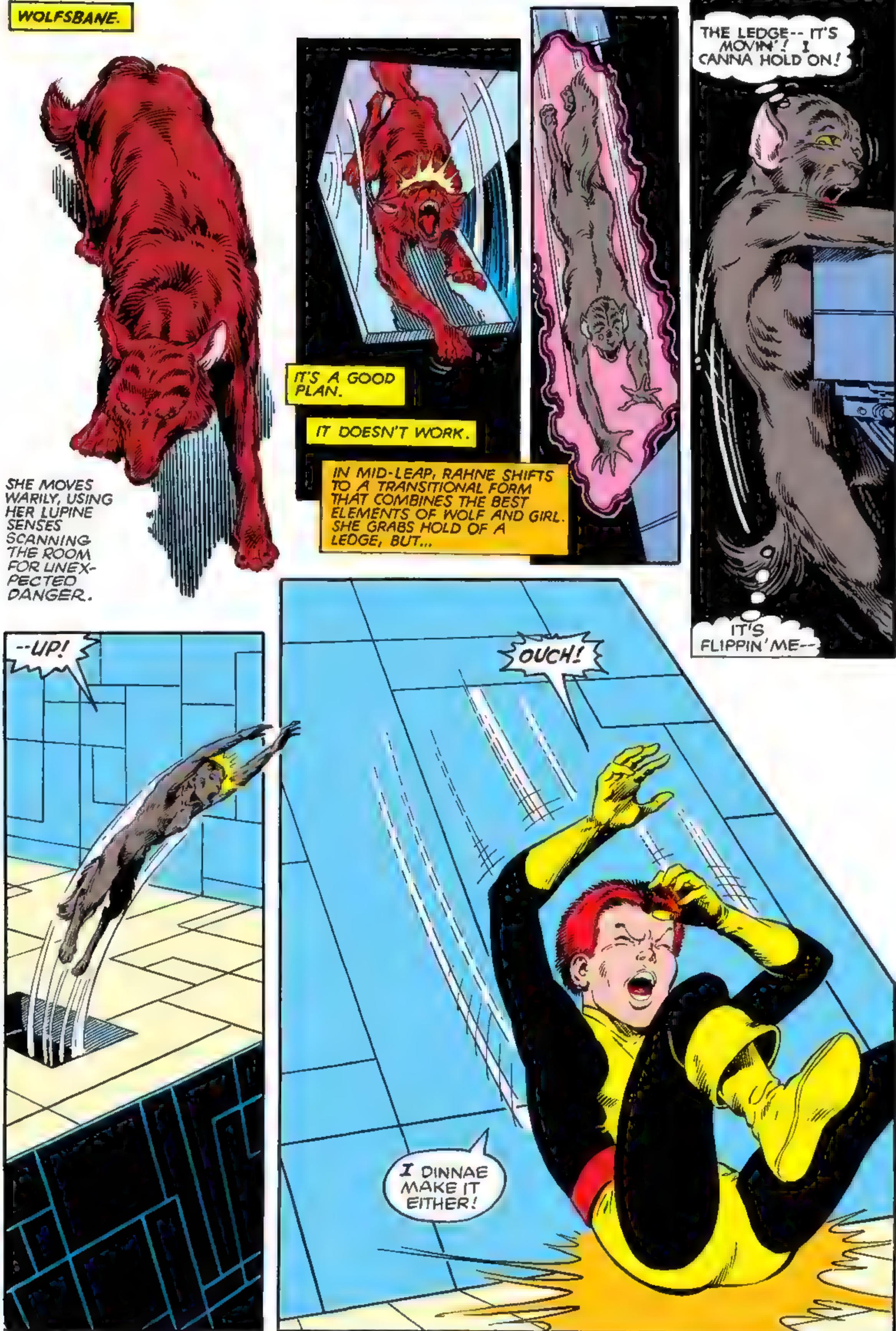
AH GOT SPEED AN' POWER T' SPARE, BUT AH CAN'T TURN WORTH BEANS, OR STOP, LESS'N SOMETHIN' STOPS ME.

CRIPES, SOME KIND'A FAN!

PULLIN' ME IN-- CAN'T TURN MYSELF AROUND TO BLAST FREE!

AHM BACK WHERE AH STARTED! AH FAILED-- AH DIDN'T EVEN GET HALFWAY.

WOLFSBANE.



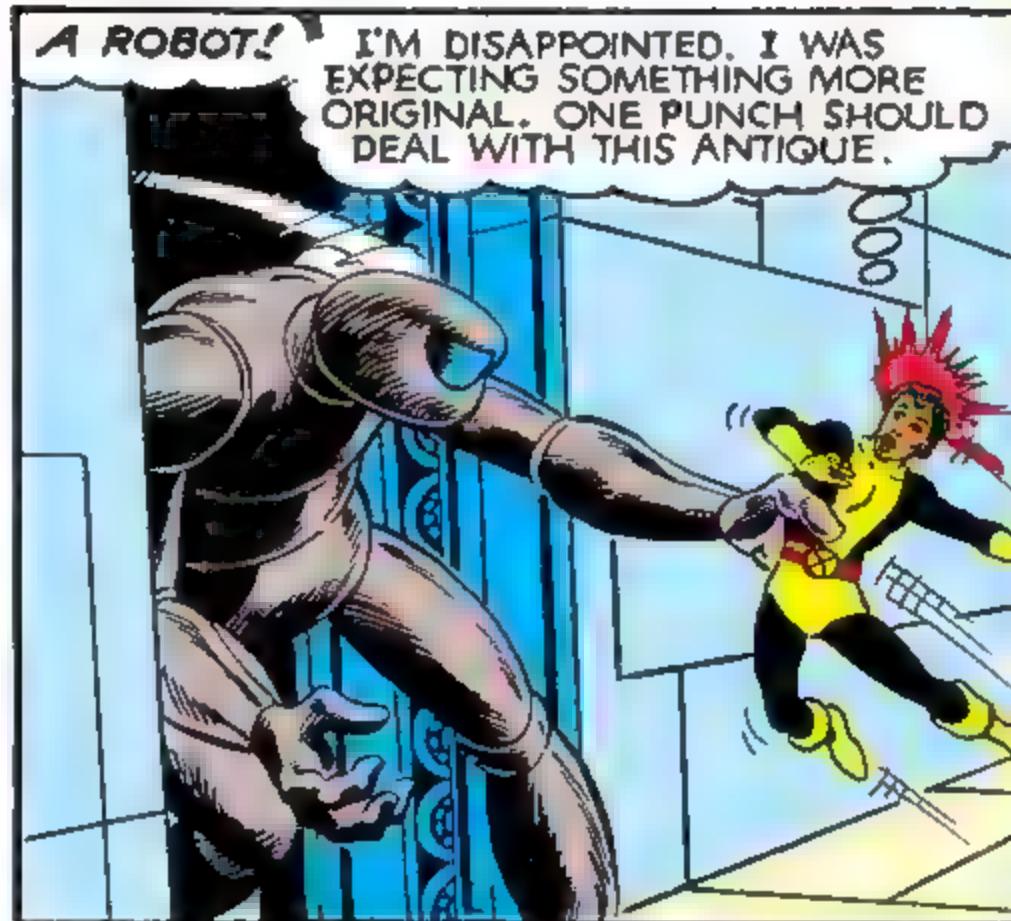
SUNSPOT.

IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO OUTWIT THE PROFESSOR. WITH HIS MENTAL POWERS, HE PROBABLY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE THINKING, OR FEELING.

A ROBOT!

I'M DISAPPOINTED. I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING MORE ORIGINAL. ONE PUNCH SHOULD DEAL WITH THIS ANTIQUE.

ENERGY CRACKLES...



...AS THE BRAZILIAN YOUTH METABOLIZES THE KINETIC ENERGY OF THE SUN ITSELF TO FLOOD HIS MUSCLES WITH INCREDIBLE STRENGTH--

--AND STRIKES!

**SPLOOTCH!**

I'M STUCK!!

AND THE HARDER I TRY TO ESCAPE, THE MORE STUCK I BECOME!

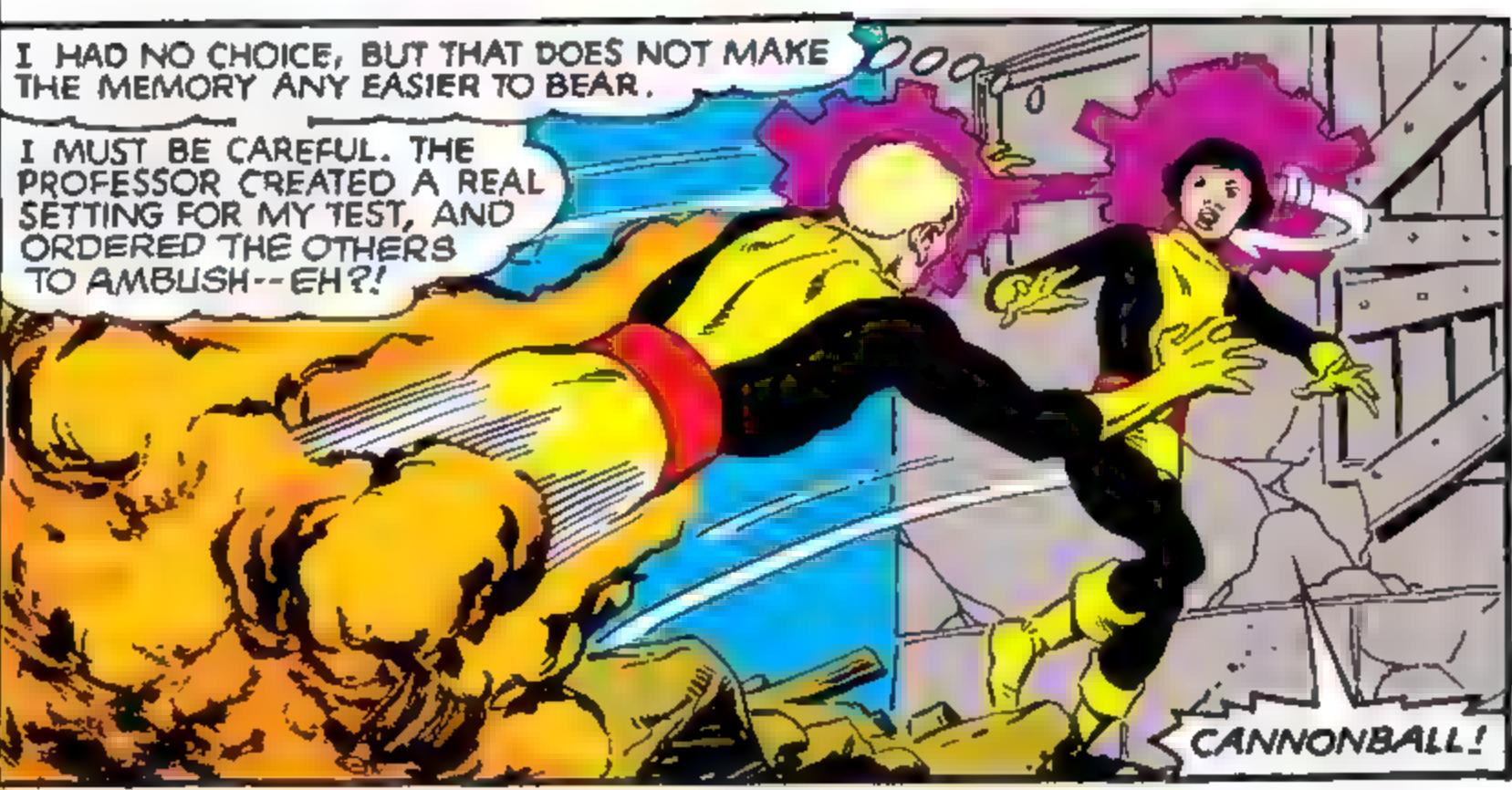
... AND REVERTS TO NORMAL.

THE OTHERS ARE LAUGHING-- WHY DO I FEEL SO AFRAID?

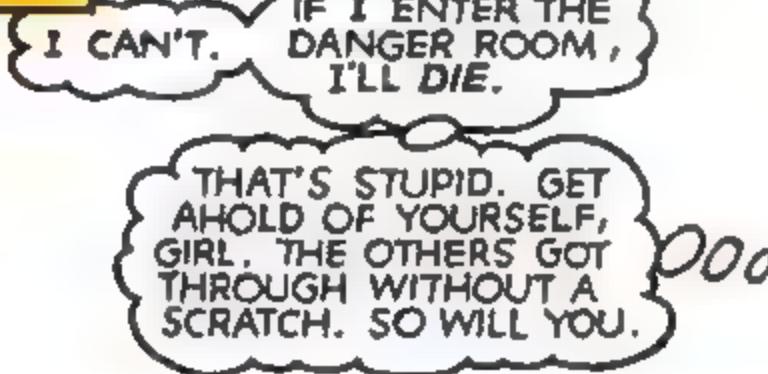
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE ROOM CAN'T REALLY HURT ME.

ALSO-- SINCE HIS RESERVE OF ENERGY IS LIMITED-- THE MORE HE USES, THE SOONER HE BURNS HIMSELF OUT...

YET THE THOUGHT OF ENTERING IT SCARES ME TO DEATH.

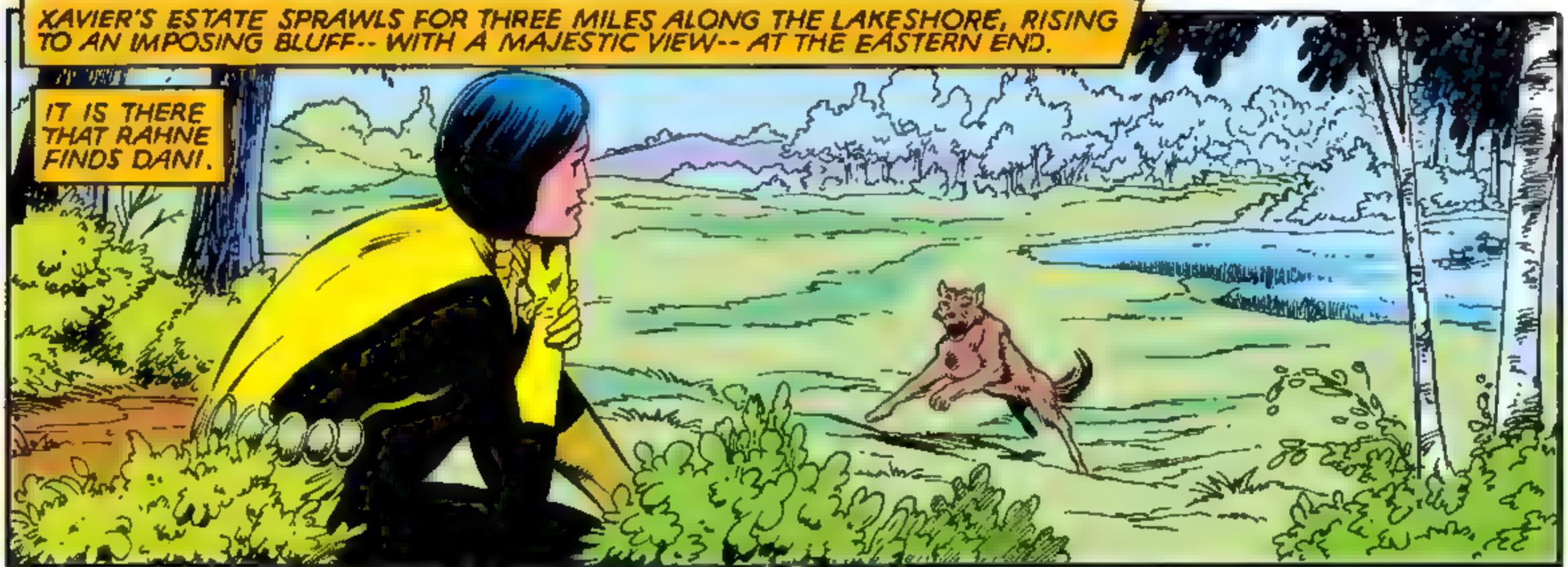


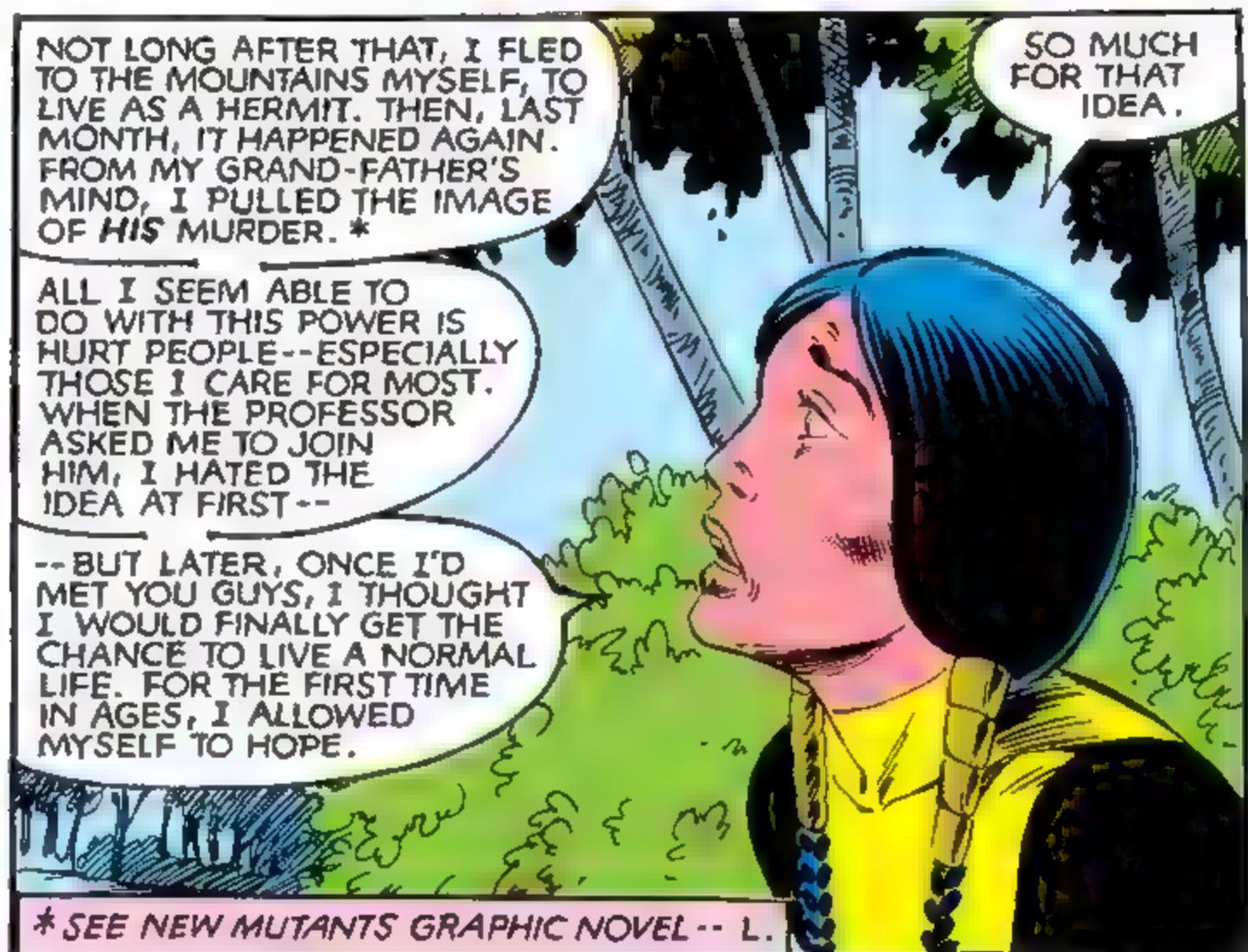
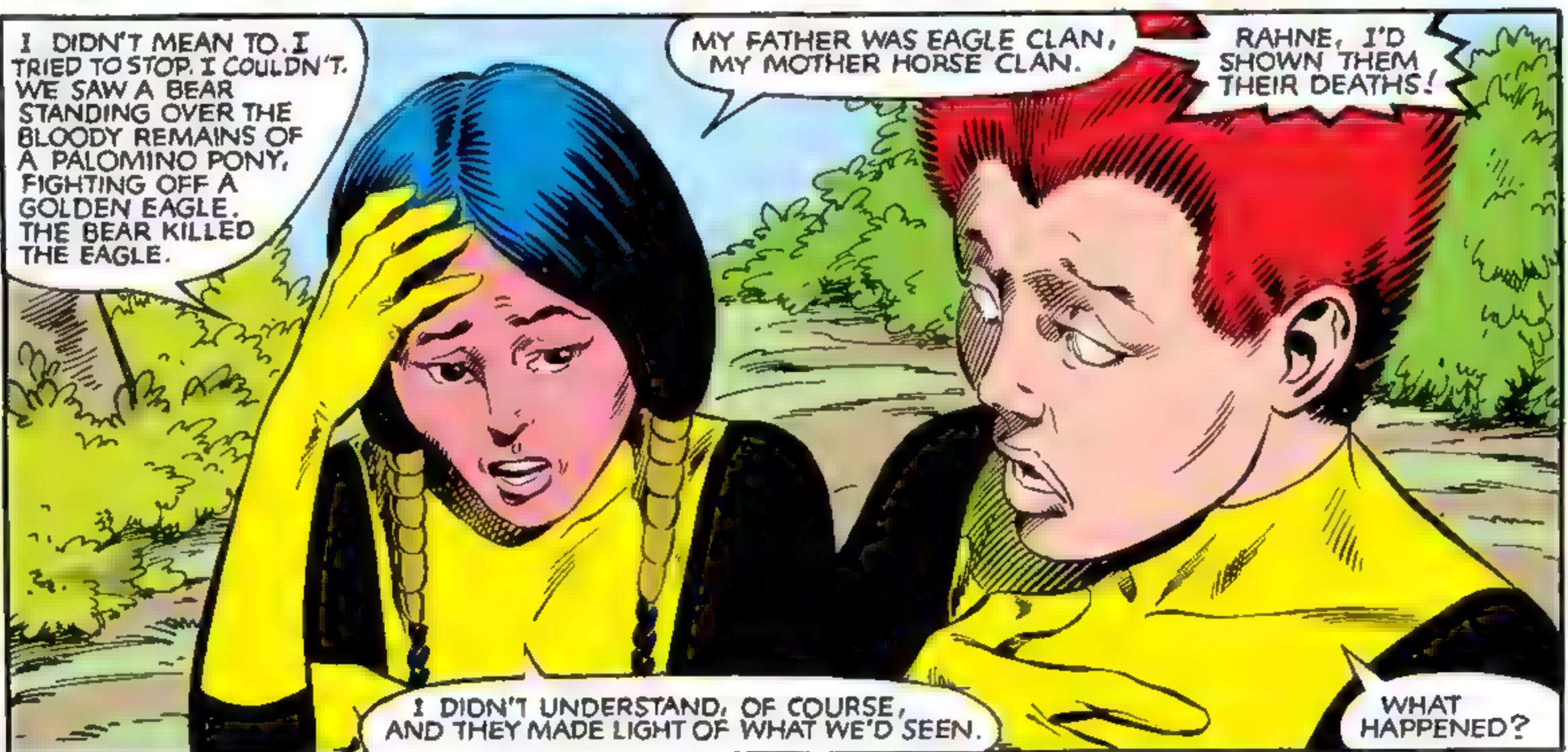
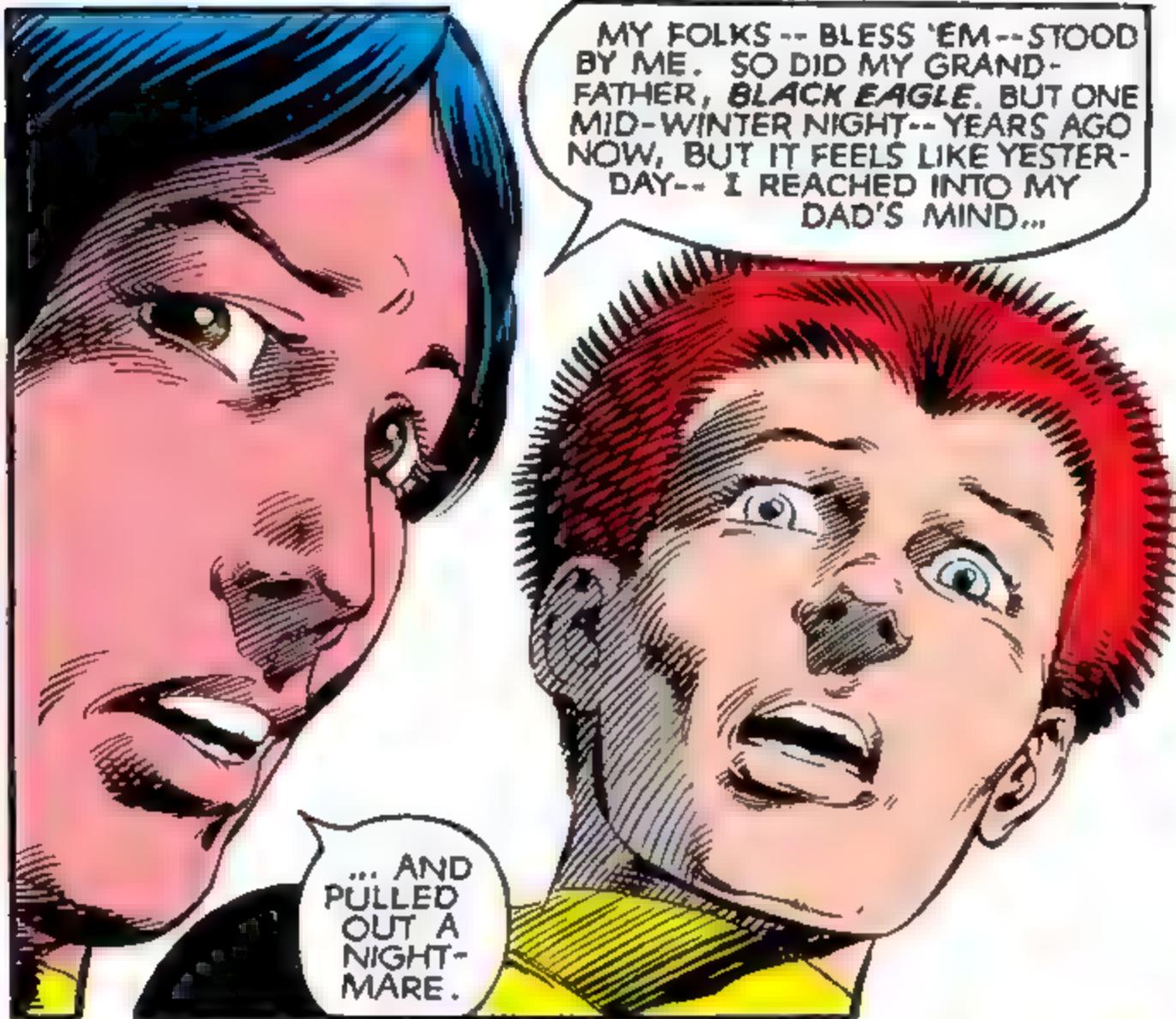
**PSYCHE.**



XAVIER'S ESTATE SPRAWLS FOR THREE MILES ALONG THE LAKESHORE, RISING TO AN IMPOSING BLUFF-- WITH A MAJESTIC VIEW-- AT THE EASTERN END.

IT IS THERE THAT RAHNE FINDS DANI.





NOT ONLY HAVE I HURT SHAN, BUT I'VE DISGRACED MY NAME AND HERITAGE-- I'M A COWARD, RAHNE! I COULDN'T FACE SOMETHING THE REST OF YOU HANDLED WITH EASE!

I WAS SCARED, DANI.

BUT YOU DIDN'T RUN.

DANI, Y' MUST NA' BLAME YOURSELF...

...FOR SOMETHING THAT ISNA' YOUR FAULT. NONE OF US REALLY KNOW WHAT WE'RE ABOUT WITH OUR POWERS. WE'RE ALL LEARNING-- IS NA' THA' WHY WE'RE HERE ?!

PLEASE BELIEVE ME, DANI, SHAN DOES NA' BLAME YOU! SHE KNOWS IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! SHE REACTED THE WAY SHE DID BECAUSE YOU CAUGHT HER BY SURPRISE. AN' IF SHE WERE HERE BESIDE ME, SHE'D TELL YOU SO HERSEL' -- WHAT'S THAT ??

HONK  
HONK

STEVIE'S CAR HORN.  
YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?

HERE COMES RAHNE. NO SIGN OF DANI, THOUGH.

CHARLES

WAS AWFULLY

RELUCTANT TO SEARCH FOR HER TELEPATHICALLY. HE DIDN'T SEEM TERRIBLY DISTURBED BY HER PANIC, EITHER. MAYBE I'M OUT OF LINE, BUT THE KID SEEMED PRETTY UPSET TO ME. CHARLES' IGNORING THE PROBLEM WON'T MAKE IT GO AWAY.

HEY! WATCH THE CLAWS!  
THIS IS A BRAND-NEW OUTFIT!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, ROBERTO.  
AT LEAST SHE ISN'T SAPPING WET AND COVERED WITH MUD, LIKE LAST TIME.

HOPE SHE DON'T TRY THIS STUNT WHEN SHE'S FULL GROWN. WE COULD GET SQUISHED.

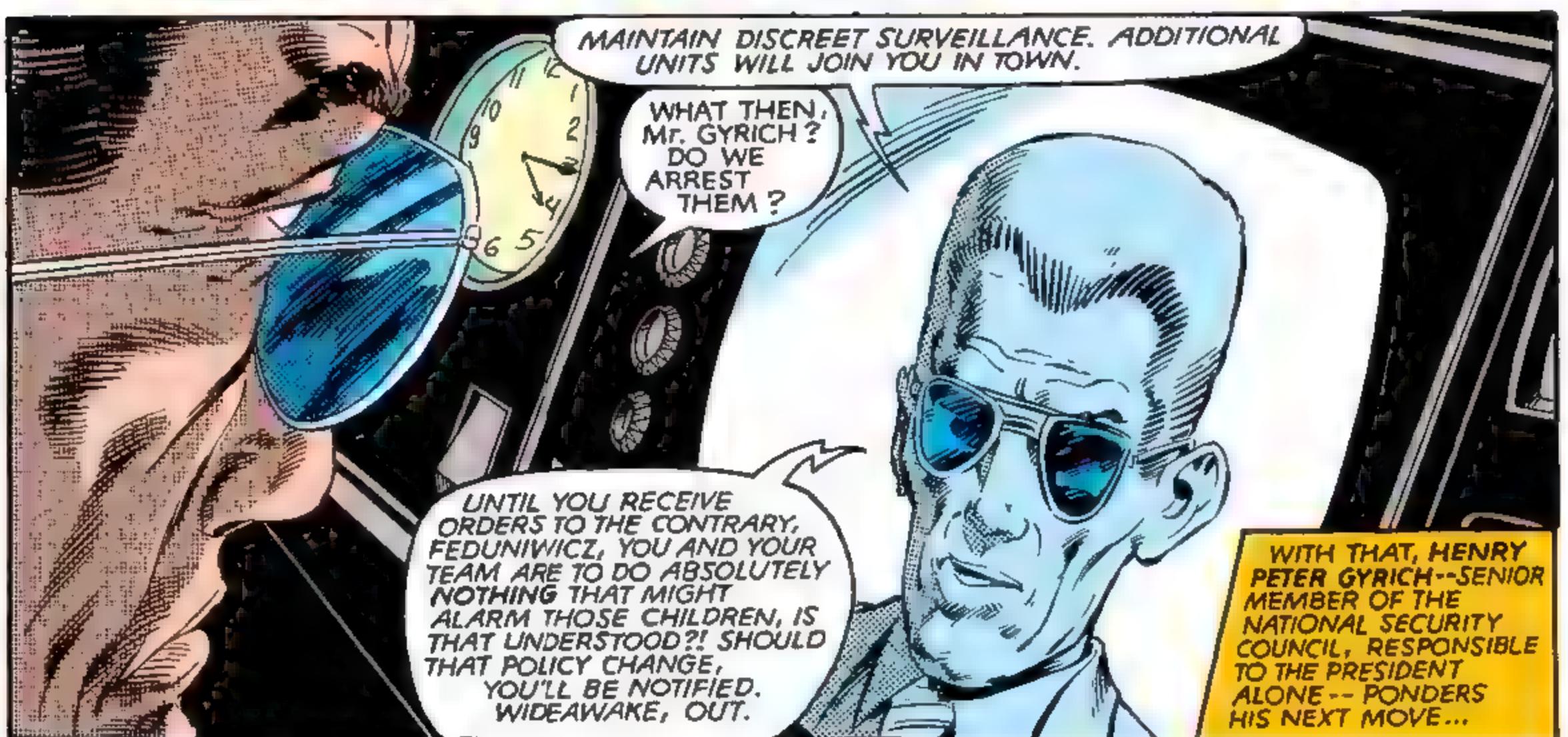
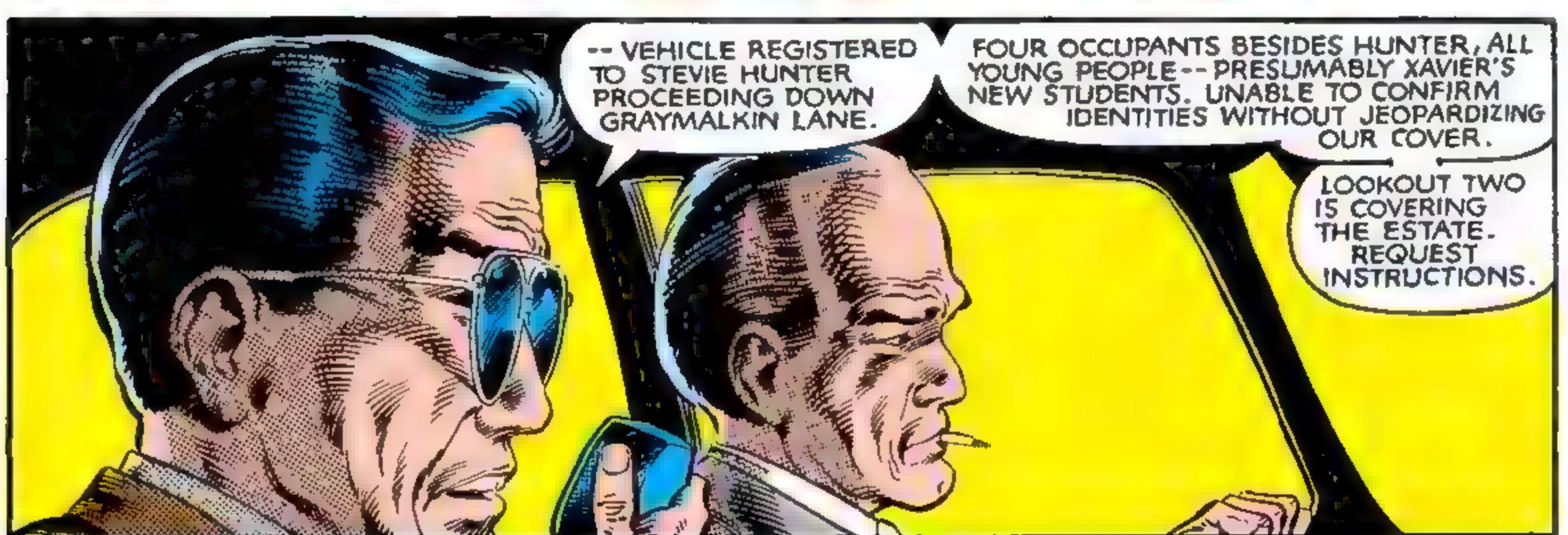
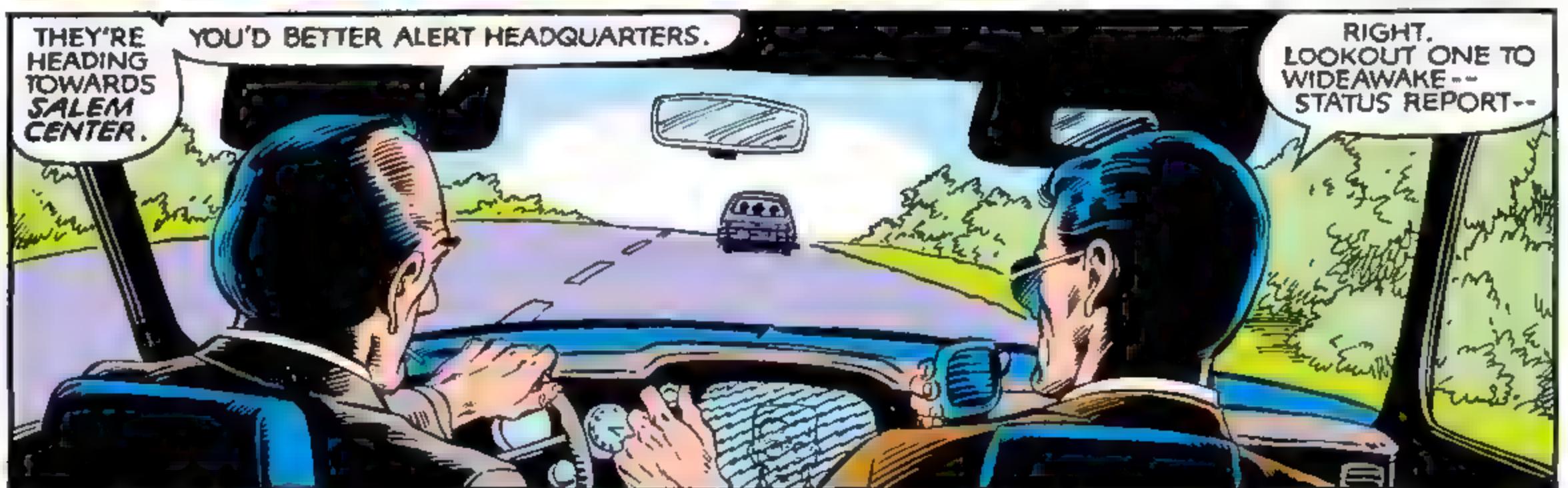
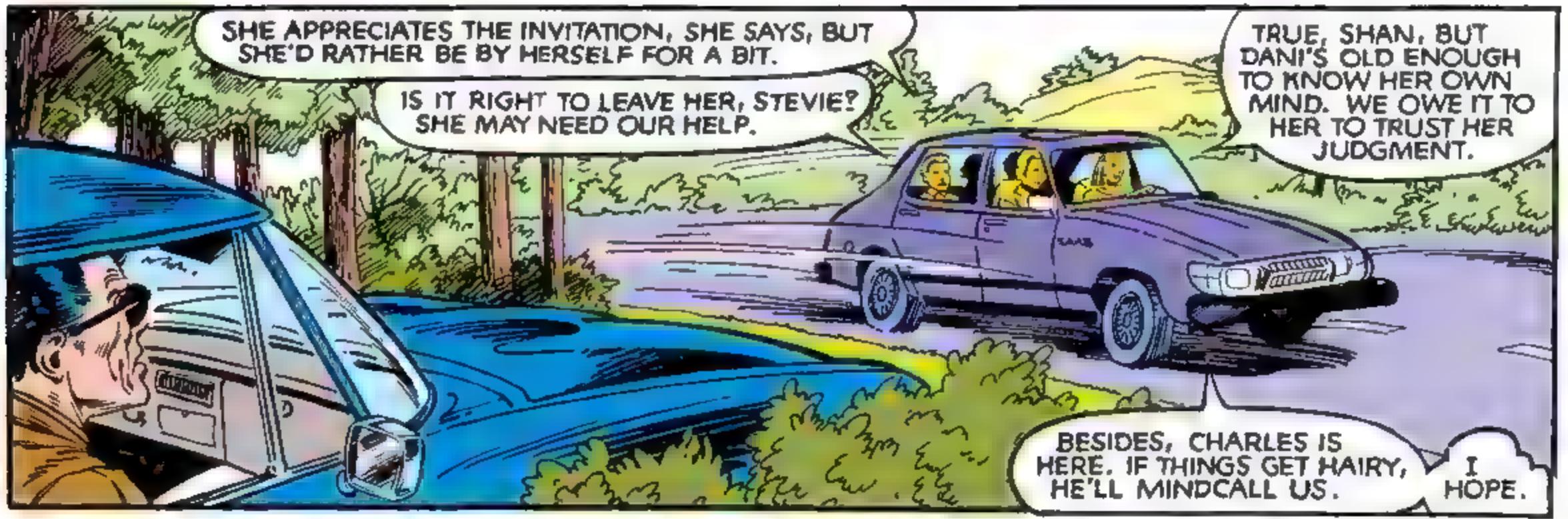
WHAT D'YOU MEAN,  
"WE?!"? YOU'RE IN THE FRONT SEAT,  
WHERE IT'S SAFE!

THEN AGAIN, HER BEING FULL GROWN MIGHT HAVE... OTHER COMPENSATIONS.

I BEG YUUR PARDON!

I FOUND DANI!

IS SHE ALL RIGHT?  
IS SHE COMING WITH US??



... WHILE, BACK AT THE MANSION...



THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE PROFESSOR. HE MUST HAVE GONE OUT, TOO.

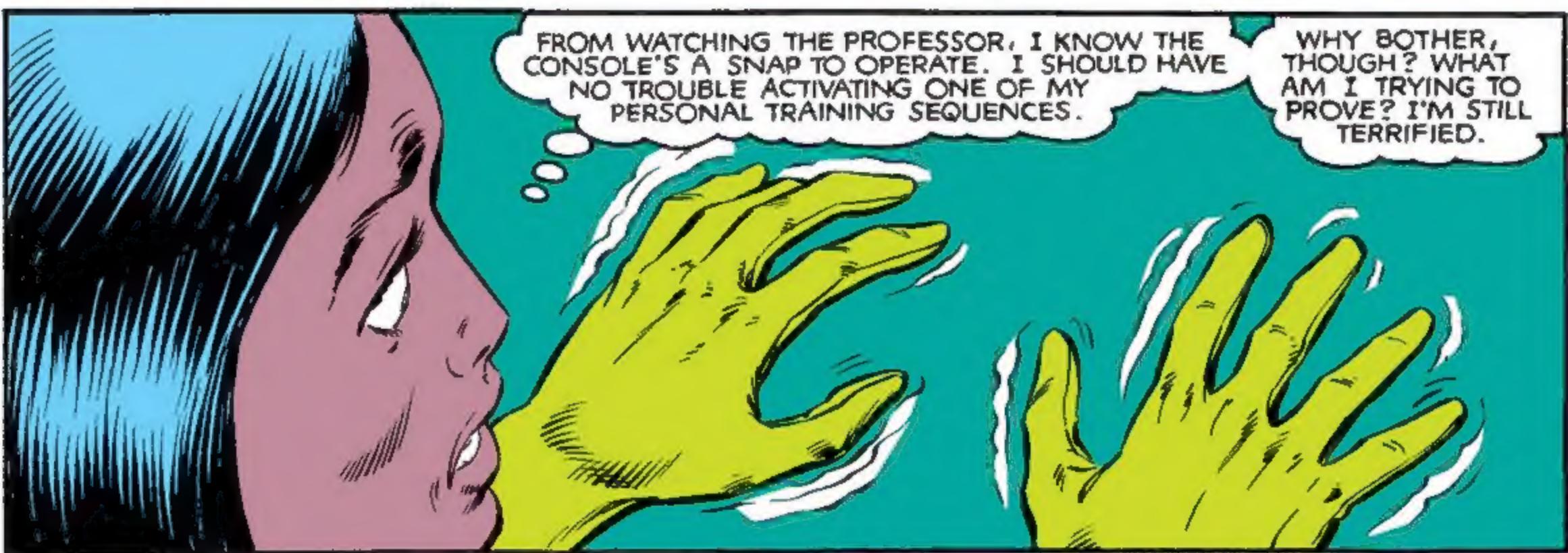


I'M GLAD. EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO DO THIS ALONE, I DON'T WANT ANY WITNESSES-- NO ONE BUT ME TO KNOW WHETHER I SUCCEEDED...



FROM WATCHING THE PROFESSOR, I KNOW THE CONSOLE'S A SNAP TO OPERATE. I SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE ACTIVATING ONE OF MY PERSONAL TRAINING SEQUENCES.

WHY BOTHER, THOUGH? WHAT AM I TRYING TO PROVE? I'M STILL TERRIFIED.



MAYBE THAT'S THE POINT. I WANT TO RUN-- WITH ALL MY HEART. AND SO, I BET, DID MOM AND DAD, AND GRANDFATHER. I'D SHOWED THEM THE MOMENT OF THEIR DOOM-- IN ALL ITS HORROR-- YET THEY FACED IT.

I MIGHT NOT BE GOOD ENOUGH TO STAY HERE-- I MAY FLUNK OUT OF THIS SCHOOL-- BUT ONLY AFTER I'VE TRIED MY VERY BEST. COME WHAT MAY, I'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD MY HEAD HIGH, WITHOUT SHAME, AS A CHEYENNE SHOULD!

MY FAMILY ARE PEOPLE OF HONOR AND COURAGE, PROFESSOR. YOU'LL FIND I'M CAST FROM THE SAME MOLD!



THE INSTANT SHE STEPS ACROSS THE DANGER ROOM'S THRESHOLD, THE TEST BEGINS...

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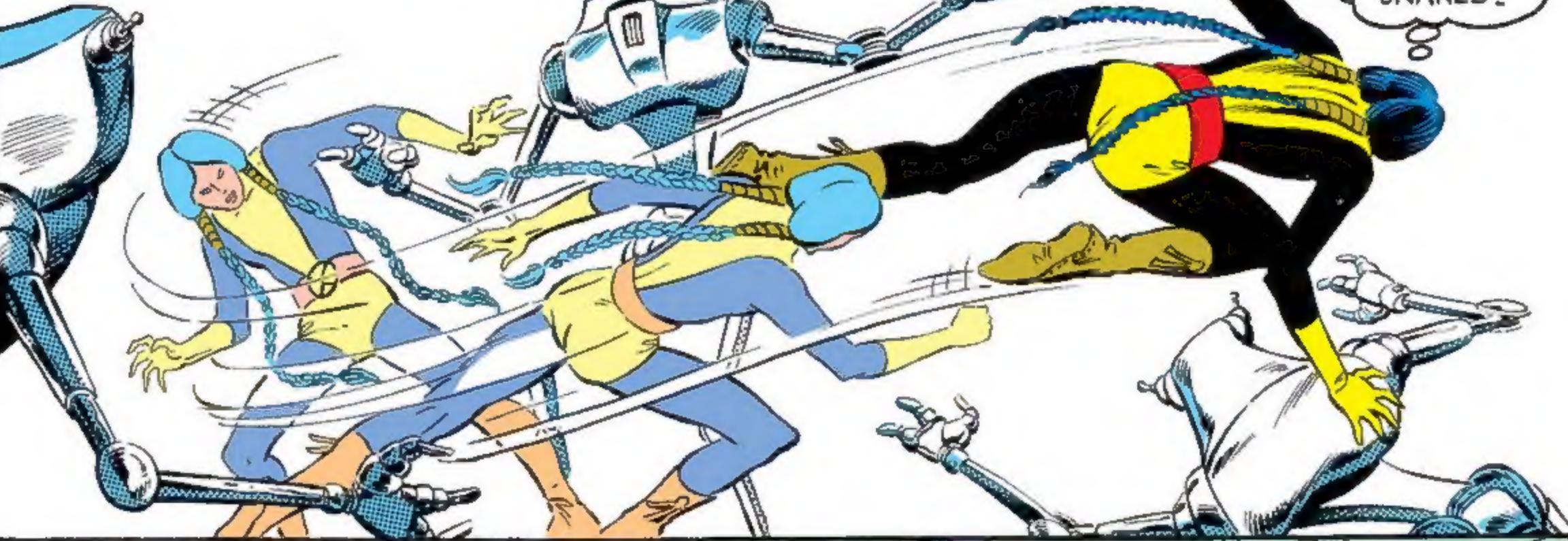
ROBOTS!

MY POWER ONLY WORKS AGAINST LIVING BEINGS! IT'S USELESS AGAINST THESE THINGS. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M HELPLESS.

FAR FROM IT!

I'VE BEEN ROAMING THE MOUNTAINS SINCE I COULD WALK, HUNTING AND PLAYING WITH THE ANIMALS--WHO WERE MY ONLY TRUE FRIENDS, EVEN THEN.

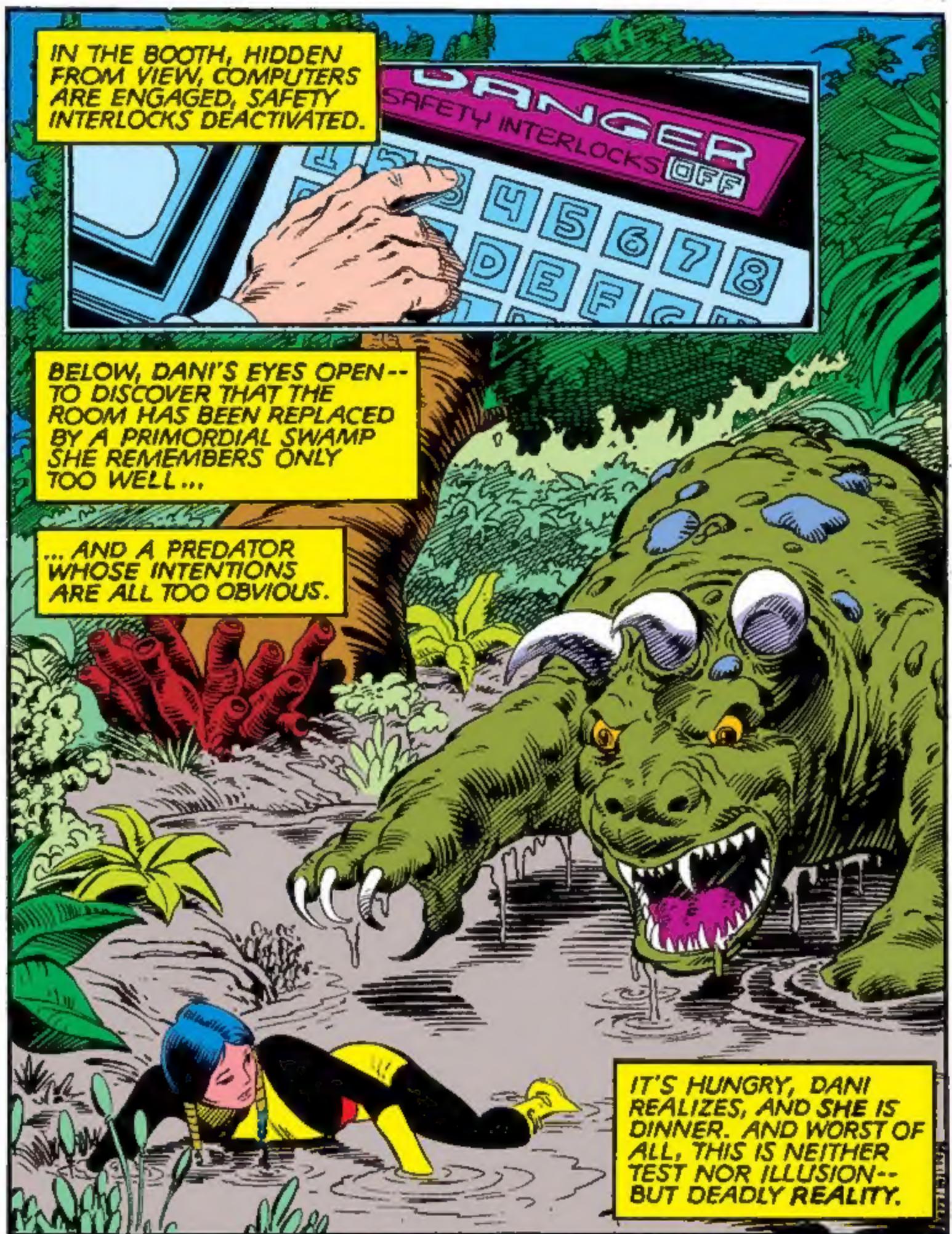
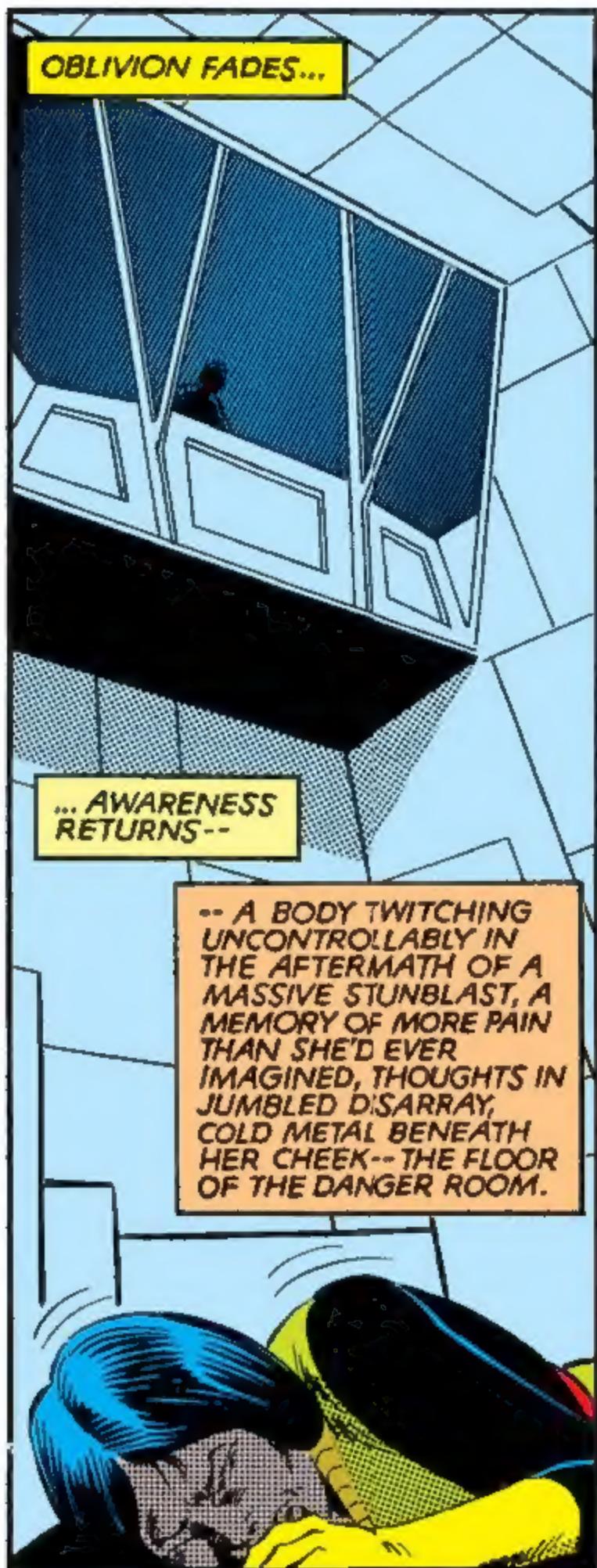
I LEARNED ALL THEY COULD TEACH ME--ABOUT FIGHTING, AND NOT GETTING SNARED!



I TRIED HARD TO ACQUIRE THEIR SPEED AND POWER AND AGILITY.

NOW I'LL SEE IF I SUCCEEDED!

THE ROBOTS DO WHAT THEY CAN TO STOP HER, BUT SHE MOVES THROUGH THEIR RANKS LIKE QUICKSILVER, AN EYE ALWAYS FIXED ON HER ULTIMATE GOAL.



NEXT ISSUE:

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